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TO: Interested Stakeholders

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF SANTA MONICA BAY MARINE DEBRIS TOTAL MAXIMUM

DAILY LOAD (TMDL) WORKSHOP, NOVEMBER 10, 2009

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) staff is in the process of developing a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for debris in offshore and nearshore Santa Monica Bay.

Santa Monica Bay has been listed on California's 303(d) list as water quality impaired due to the presence of debris. During storm events, trash is washed into storm drains, creeks, and lakes, and is then deposited on banks, beaches, and ultimately into Santa Monica Bay. Littering is a severe and recurring problem that impairs the beneficial uses of waters of the State in the Los Angeles Region.

The Santa Monica Bay Marine Debris TMDL will identify sources and assign load and waste load allocations that, when implemented, will achieve water quality standards that will protect beneficial uses. A workshop and discussion will be held to notify interested stakeholders about the development of the Santa Monica Bay Marine Debris TMDL.

The Santa Monica Bay Marine Debris TMDL Workshop will be held at:

1pm to 3pm, Tuesday, November 10, 2009 Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board Carmel Room 320 W. 4th Street, 1st Floor Los Angeles, California 90013

Please contact Stefanie Hada at (213) 576-6804 if you have any questions about this matter. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of any persons known to you who would be interested in this matter.